

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, :
: 19 Cr. 873 (LGS)
v. :
: ORDER
ESAAHN HOUGH, :
Defendant, :
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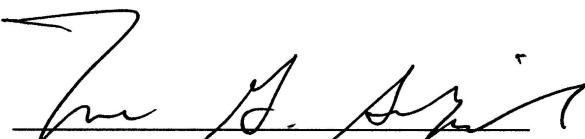
LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, United States District Judge:

Defendant Esaahn Hough seeks to proceed with a change of plea proceeding via videoconference or teleconference instead of a personal appearance in court. In view of the ongoing pandemic, videoconferencing and teleconferencing have been employed by judges in the Southern District of New York on numerous occasions. This Court finds that any further delay in this proceeding would result in serious harm to the interests of justice. Proceeding by videoconference or teleconference with a change of plea advances Mr. Hough's case and furthers justice without undue delay. *See* § 15002 (b)(2) of the Coronavirus Air, Relief, and Economic Security ("CARES") Act.

During the change of plea proceeding, the magistrate judge should allocate the defendant on his consent to proceed via videoconference or teleconference as previously stated by his counsel.

Dated: June 14, 2021
New York, New York

SO ORDERED:



LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE